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1. US REP MADE FORMAL PRESENTATION OF US POSITION PER REFTEL A AT JUNE 6 BONN GROUP MEETING. UK REP (CROMARTIE) REITERATED HIS PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS, THAT LONDON DID NOT LIKE THE IDEA OF FORMAL APPROVAL OF PAPERS, AND ALSO WONDERED IF THERE WAS SUFFICIENT TIME TO ASSEMBLE THE DOCUMENTS AS A PACKAGE WITH A COVER MEMORANDUM WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE DRAFTED WITH THE

UTMOST CARE. FRENCH REP (DE BOISSIEU) SAID PARIS HAD ALREADY AGREED TO BONN GROUP AD REF CONSULTATION PAPER, AND HIS NEW FOREIGN MINISTER FELT STRONGLY THAT IT SHOULD BE BLESSED BY FON MINS AT QUAD DINNER, BUT BOISSIEU QUESTIONED WHETHER IT A GOOD IDEA TO TRY TO FORMALLY COMBINE THE THREE PAPERS FOR CONSIDERATION AS A KIND OF WHOLE. HE NOTED THAT THERE WAS A PRESENT LINK OF THE THREE, BUT THAT THIS MAY NOT ALWAYS BE THE CASE.

2. FRG REP (LUECKING) SAID HE HAD THOUGHT AT ONE TIME TO CONNECT THE THREE INTO A PACKAGE, BUT HAD DISCARDED IDEA SINCE THEY ARE DIFFERENT DOCUMENTS WITH
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DIFFERENT PURPOSES. US REP SAID THAT THREE DOCUMENTS,

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INDEED, HAD DIFFERENT SPECIFIC PURPOSES, BUT THAT THE
THREE WERE COMPLEMENTARY IN ACHIEVING WHAT ALL FOUR GOV-
ERNMENTS DESIRED AND THE THREE COULD EASILY AND PROPERLY
BE TREATED TOGETHER. HE ALSO EMPHASIZED US POSITION THAT
FON MINS, AT QUAD DINNER, SHOULD GIVE SOME KIND OF OK
TO ALL THREE IN ORDER TO MEET WHAT WE CONSIDER THE BASIC

REQUIREMENTS OF THE CONSULTATIONS EXERCISE. AFTER
FURTHER DISCUSSION, THE FRG, UK, AND FRENCH REPS AGREED
ON THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL, WHICH THE US REP AGREED TO
PROPOSE TO HIS AUTHORITIES EMPHASIZING THAT ALL THREE
DOCUMENTS HAD TO RECEIVE SOME KIND OF APPROVAL: UNDER
THE QUAD DINNER AGENDA ITEM "CONSULTATIONS," FRG FON
MIN GENSCHER WOULD LEAD OFF WITH BRIEF REMARKS ON THE
FIVE POINTS PREPARED FOR USE WITH GROMYKO, REAFFIRMING
FRG ADHERENCE TO THEM. THE OTHER MINISTERS WOULD THEN
REAFFIRM THEIR ADHERENCE. THE CONSULTATIONS PAPER
WOULD THEN BE "TAKEN NOTE OF WITH APPROVAL" BY ALL FON
MINS, AS WOULD BE THE FRG INTERNAL MEMORANDUM. FON
MINS WOULD THEN MOVE ON TO NEXT AGENDA ITEM.

3. COMMENT: WHILE ABOVE SCENARIO DOES LEAVE SOME
OPPORTUNITY FOR SLIPPAGE, WE THINK IT WOULD ACCOMPLISH
AIMS DEPARTMENT SET OUT REFTEL A. IN AGREEING TO
RECOMMEND THIS PROPOSAL, US REP EMPHASIZED THAT ALL
THREE DOCUMENTS PLAY IMPORTANT PART AND MUST RECEIVE

SOME KIND OF OK BY FON MINS. WE HAVE BILATERAL WITH
FRG REP JUNE 10 .WHEN WE WILL OBTAIN COPY DRAFT FRG
INTERNAL MEMORANDUM, WHICH WE WILL STUDY AND PASS
SOONE ST AND IMPRESS UPON HIM IMPORTANCE IN US VIEW OF
THIS MEMORANDUM. FRENCH AND BRITISH HAVE TAKEN VERY
DETACHED POSITION ON MATTER OF FRG INTERNAL MEMORANDUM,
AND HAVE ALREADY AGREED TO AD REF CONSULTATION PAPER
TEXT AND HANDLING WITHOUT HAVING HAD CHANCE TO EVEN SEE
IT.
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